

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims to one of the following groups. Specifically, the Examiner provided the following groups: (Group I) claims 1-27, 40, and 46-54, drawn to a method of coating CMC fiber; and (Group II) claims 55-56, drawn to a method of coating a fiber.

After careful review of the Examiner's restriction requirement, the Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-27, 40, and 46-54 corresponding to Group I *with traverse*. The Applicant also amends claims 55-56 to place these claims within the bounds of Group I, i.e., a method of coating a CMC fiber. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration of claims 55-56 along with the elected Group I. The Applicant also stresses that examination of claims 55-56 would not add any burden, much less a serious burden, to the examination of the present application. For these reasons, among others, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration of all pending claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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